

**CAPSULE SUMMARY****CT-389****Ferguson Gemeny, Jr. House****5900 Mill Branch Road****Huntingtown, Calvert County****c1900****Private**

The historic house at 5900 Mill Branch Road is an example of a turn-of-the-20th-century, Queen Anne-style, rural dwelling in Calvert County. It is one of a large number of dwellings constructed during the late 19th and turn of the 20th centuries in response to a significant expansion in tobacco production between 1890 and 1900. The associated barn is indicative of the historical agricultural use of the property during the early 20th century. The house exhibits such Queen Anne-stylistic elements as two projecting three-faceted bays on the façade, a one-story porch that wraps around both side elevations, pressed metal shingles on the roof, and twin central interior brick chimneys with corbeled caps. This house is further representative of a number of Queen Anne-style residences constructed between 1890 and 1920 that are a departure from the more conventional two-story cross-gable house that make up the majority of rural residences during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Other examples of this type of house include the John Wesley Hutchins House (CT-282) in Bowens and the Joseph N. Creek House (CT-371) near Owings.

The house is a two-story, wood-frame dwelling with a solid brick and concrete foundation, clad in aluminum siding, and capped by a side-gable roof sheathed in pressed metal shingles. The building has a rectangular plan with a rear ell. The facade is characterized by two projecting two-story, three-sided bays with front open-gable roofs. A one-story, five-bay, half-hip-roof porch extends across the facade and wraps around both sides of the house. The porch is partially enclosed on the south elevation. Two central, interior, brick chimneys with corbeled caps rise from the roof. The house has 1/1 wood-sash windows with thick wood sills and projecting sills. A narrow two-story addition and a two-bay, one-story addition are present on the rear elevation. Associated with the dwelling are a historic barn and shed.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CT-389

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Ferguson Gemeny, Jr. House

other

### 2. Location

street and number 5900 Mill Branch Road not for publication

city, town Huntingtown vicinity

county Calvert

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Linda M. O'Brien

street and number 5900 Mill Branch Road telephone 301-855-0716

city, town Huntingtown state MD zip code 20639-9729

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 14:254

city, town Pr. Frederick liber BJS1115 folio 525

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☒ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☒ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report  
☐ Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	3
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	3
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

**SETTING.** Set on a grassy knoll, the dwelling is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Mill Branch Road and Smoky Road, facing Mill Branch Road. The property is enhanced with mature trees and shrubs, a split-log fence, a gravel driveway, and some overgrown vegetation. An historic barn and an historic shed further improve the parcel.

**PRIMARY RESOURCE.** Constructed circa 1900, the two-story, Queen Anne-style dwelling features wood-frame construction, a side-gabled metal-clad roof with projecting gables and a boxed aluminum cornice, aluminum cladding, and a brick pier foundation that has been infilled with concrete block. The dwelling presents a rectangular plan with two-story ell. Two central-interior chimneys with corbeled caps rise from the main block, while a similar interior-end chimney caps the ell. Symmetrically fenestrated, the façade measures three bays in width. Facing east, this primary elevation features a central single-leaf entry with three-light transom and two-light and dado-panel sidelights with decorative geometric-patterned tracery. The central entry is flanked by two projecting gables that dominate the elevation. Each features a boxed aluminum cornice with returns and two-story canted bays pierced with 1/1 wood windows. A similar window, located above the primary entry, marks the center of the second story. A one-story, wrap-around porch with an asphalt single roof extends across the north, east, and south elevations. Set on a brick pier foundation with concrete block infill, the porch also features a half-hipped roof and Tuscan, wood post supports. A two-story ell extends to the west, as does a one-story, half-hipped addition and a two-story, half-hipped addition.

**SECONDARY RESOURCES.** South of the dwelling are two agricultural buildings. A circa 1920 wood-frame tobacco barn features vertical board cladding over the post and beam structure, a gabled roof with corrugated metal cladding, and exposed rafters, and a concrete block pier foundation. The interior contains a stripping room and animal room with v-shaped wooden manger along 3/4 of the wall on the lower level. The circa 1900 agricultural shed (originally constructed as a corn crib) features wood-frame construction, vertical board cladding, and a front-gabled corrugated metal roof. A one-story addition extends from the northeast elevation.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates c1900

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates c1900

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5.00 Acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic house is located at 5900 Mill Branch Road in Huntingtown, Maryland. It has been associated with Tax Map 14, Parcel 254 since its construction at the turn of the 20th century. The current deed to the property can be found in the land records of Calvert County in the Calvert County Courthouse in Prince Frederick: Deed Book BJS 1115, Page 525.

## 11. Form Prepared By

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100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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FERGIESON GEMENY, JR. HOUSE  
HUNTINGTOWN  
CAWVERT COUNTY



Smoky Rd

wire & wd post  
fence

wd post fence

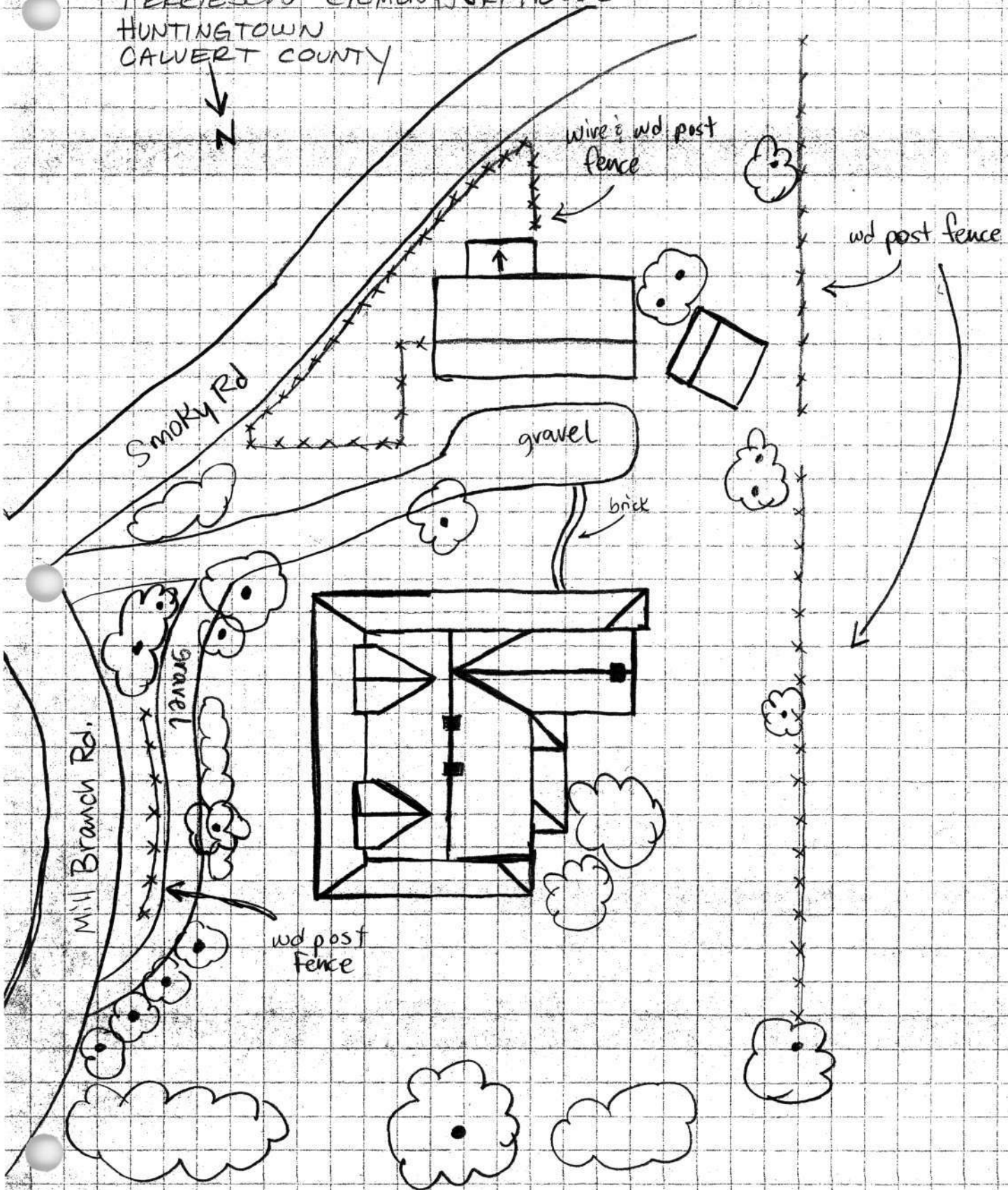
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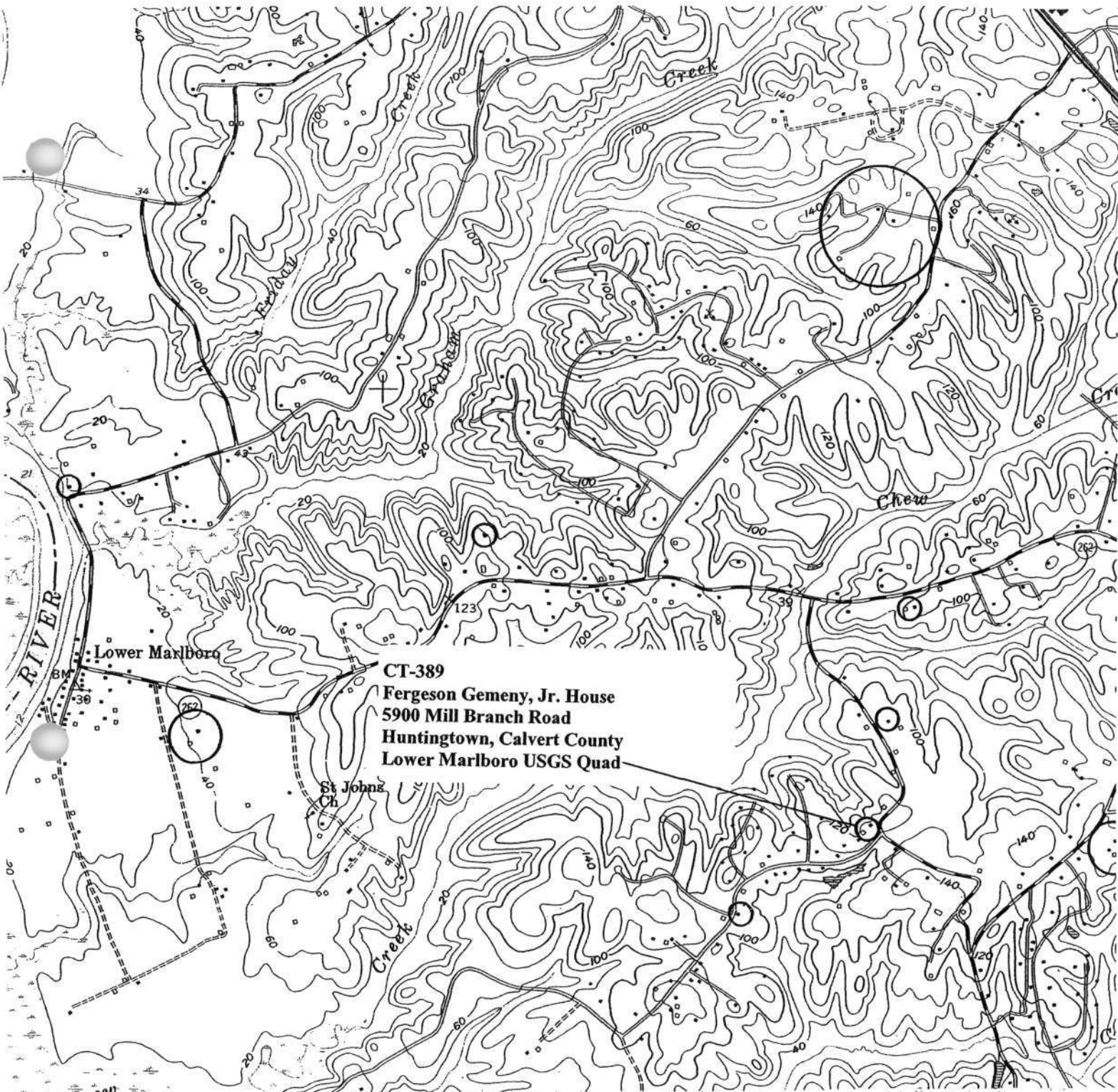
brick

Mill Branch Rd.

gravel

wd post  
fence





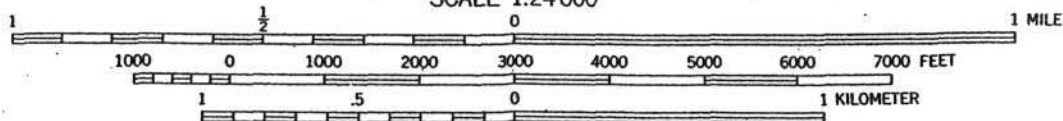
# LOWER MARLBORO, MD.

N3837.5—W7637.5/7.5

1953  
PHOTOREVISED 1979  
AMS 5661 II NW—SERIES V833



SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET

NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE

SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER





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FERGESON GEMENY, JR. HOUSE  
5900 Mill Branch Road  
Calvert county, MD

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MD SHPO

House, east elevation

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FERGIESON GEMENY, JR. HOUSE

5900 Mill Branch Road

Calvert County, MD

Tracenes

1/2003

MD SHPS

House, north east corner

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FERGESSON GEMENY, JR. HOUSE

5900 Mill Branch Road

Calvert County, MD

Traceries

1/2003

MD SHPO

House, northwest corner

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FERGESSON GEMENY, JR. HOUSE

5900 Mill Branch Road

Calvert County, MD

Traceries

1/2003

MD SHPO

House, Southwest corner

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FERGESON GEMENY, JR. HOUSE

5900 Mill Branch Road

Calvert County, MD

Traceries

1/2003

MD SHPO

Barn & shed, view looking northeast

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FERGESON GEMENY, JR. HOUSE  
(Late 19th Century)  
Lower Marlboro  
Private

This house is a two story three bay by two bay L-shaped structure. The front or west elevation is accented by two projecting gables over protruding semi-hexagonal bays. Windows at the front elevation have single pane sashes. The main entrance, located in the center bay of the front elevation, has a transom and sidelights.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Ferguson Gemeny, Jr. House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Smoky and Mill Branch Roads

CITY, TOWN

Lower Marlboro

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ferguson Gemeny, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Smoky &amp; Mill Branch Roads

CITY, TOWN

Lower Marlboro

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 20639

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street (MD 765)

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is a two story three bay by two bay L-shaped structure which has been covered with aluminum siding. The front or west elevation is accented by two projecting gables over protruding semi-hexagonal bays. Windows at the front elevation have single pane sashes while some in less prominent positions have two over two sashes. The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. A transom and sidelights surround the door. There is a wraparound front porch supported by plain square posts. Interior brick chimneys extend from the roof ridge on either side of the central bay.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY



## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 00-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Late 19th Century

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This highly symmetrical, finely finished farmhouse is one of the best of its type from the turn of the century.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

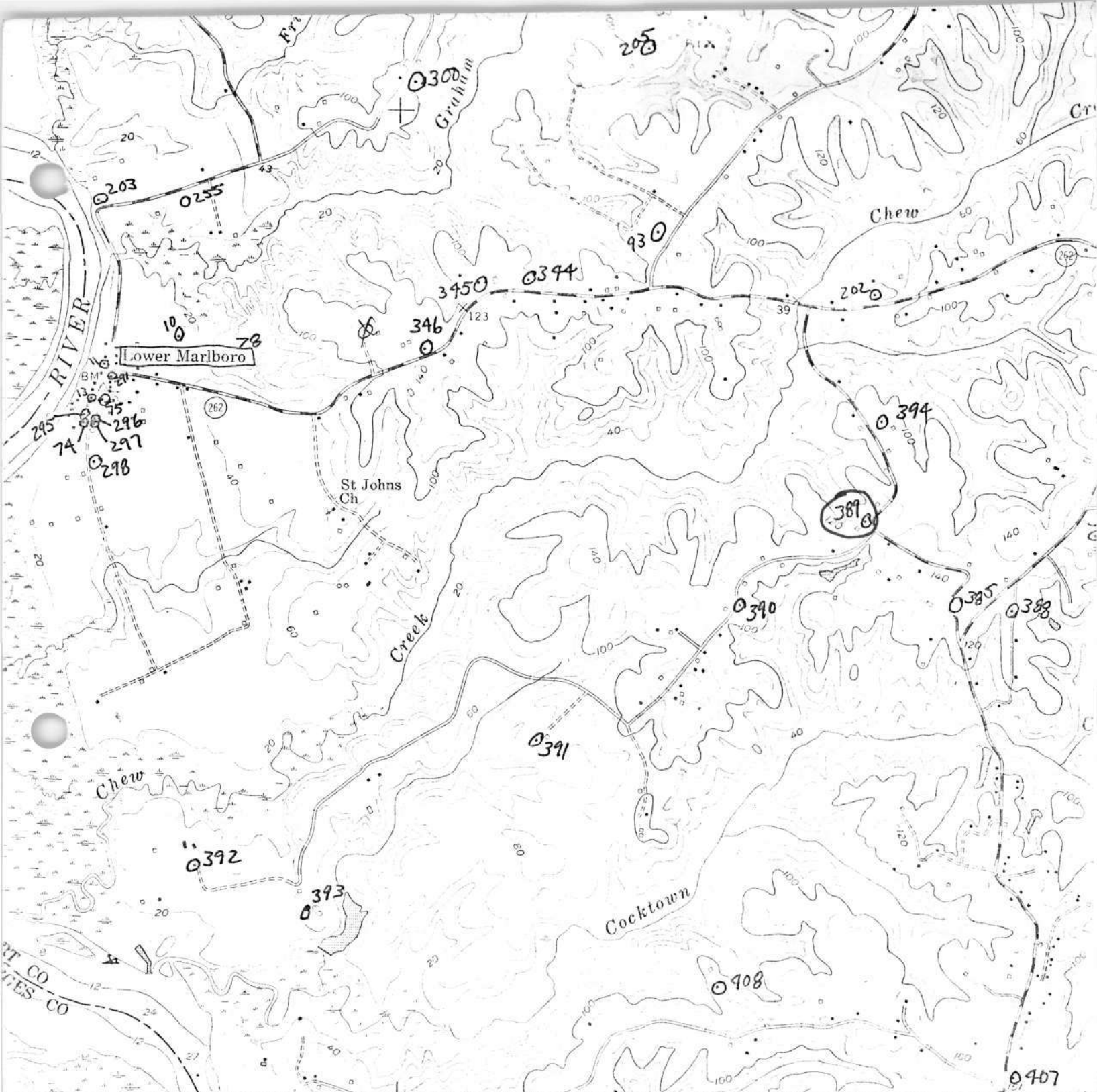
CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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CT-389  
Ferguson Gemeny, Jr. House

1:24,000

0 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET

1 KILOMETRE

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty Medium-duty Light-duty Unimproved

U. S. Route State Route

LOWER MARLBORO

N3837.5 W7637.5

1953  
PHOTO REVISITED  
AMS 5651 II NW SERIES

CT-389  
Ferguson Gemeny, Jr. House

Lower marlboro Quadrangle

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

MARYLAND

VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

FEET-DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER

APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER

TIDE IS 2.5 FEET

NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS

SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092



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Fergeson Gemeny, Jr. House

Calvert County

Merry Stinson 4/81

S & W elevation